

Econ 318 – Econometrics

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Section 1
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Course web site:

<http://neiu.desire2learn.com>

How to contact me

- ▶ **Email:** r-schwinn@neiu.edu (works best)
Feel free to email me at any time if you have questions or concerns. In general I will try answer your email within 24 hours (except for weekends). SPAM filters can sometimes disrupt harmless email exchanges. If you do not hear from me send a follow-up email or query me in class.

Any email from you should contain your course number!

- ▶ **phone:** +1-773-442-5699 (not advised)

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- ▶ The text is Elia Kacapyrs *A Guide to Basic Econometric Techniques* (ISBN: 978-0765644770)
- ▶ It is \$31.28 with free 2-day shipping on Amazon.com.
- ▶ The eText version offered by the publisher is unwieldy and not recommended.

- ▶ Your calculator should do exponents
- ▶ In most instances your cell phone will suffice in class, however dedicated calculators are required for exams.
- ▶ Programmable calculators may be used, but any efforts to program formulas, text, etc. into them for use on an exam will be considered academically dishonest and treated according to university policy. *I reserve the right to clear the memory of selected calculators during exam times.*
- ▶ For the most part, excel will be your "go to" calculator used to perform calculations for assignments both inside and outside of class.

- ▶ Most of the exercises require that you use Microsoft Excel.
- ▶ Microsoft Excel is available in computer labs around campus.
- ▶ I will spend class time teaching you how to use excel although you may run in to problems from time to time. In these cases I recommend using Google searches to find solutions.

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- ▶ Various online Assignments/Quizzes are required across the semester.
- ▶ Instructions specific to each assignment will be discussed in class when these assignments are posted.
- ▶ You will access these assignments via our course website: specific instructions are available on the syllabus.

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- ▶ Given in lecture on a random basis.
- ▶ If you miss a lecture in which a quiz is given, you will receive a zero on that quiz (no exceptions). Quizzes will be based on any of the previous week's topics (cumulative from day one of lecture).
- ▶ In-class quizzes will be incorporated into the assignments grade.

Exams

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Tentative schedule

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|--------|------------------------|---------------|
| Exam 1 | Wednesday, February 11 | C1 – C4 |
| Exam 2 | Wednesday, March 11 | C5 – C8 |
| Exam 3 | Wednesday, April 22 | C9 – C11, C13 |

There is no final exam. Instead you will complete a project which will be detailed later in the semester

Exam policies

- ▶ Exams (closed books, notes, etc.) given during the lecture periods.
- ▶ If you have a legitimate reason to not take an exam at the scheduled time and place with the rest of the class, contact me **at least two weeks before** the scheduled exam time to make arrangements.
- ▶ Formula sheets will be provided for each exam.

Final Numeric Grade

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|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Assignments | + Attendance | + Exams | + Project | -> Grade |
| 25% | + 10% | + 45% | + 20% | = 100% |
| A [100-90%] | B (90-80%) | C (80-70%) | D (70-60%) | F (60-00] |

General Classroom Etiquette

- ▶ If you need to come in late or leave early, do so **quietly**.
- ▶ Please treat everyone with **respect**.
- ▶ **Participate!**
- ▶ **Ask** questions!
- ▶ **No laptops, no newspapers, no headphones, no cell phones, no text messaging!**

Attendance and general guidelines

Attendance to each class (listening) and your genuine effort on the homework projects, quizzes, and exams (doing) are two of the most important factors affecting your success in this class. Econometrics requires both listening and doing. Feel free to ask me about problems after you have honestly worked on them—*my office hours are for you*.

Expectations

- ▶ Be open-minded and willing to succeed in this class.
- ▶ You are expected to make a sincere effort in approaching and learning the material covered in this course.
- ▶ An average of 2 hours outside the classroom expected for every class period in order to keep up.
- ▶ Your own effort is vital to your success in this class.
- ▶ Neglecting to put in sufficient effort will make this course unnecessarily difficult.

Academic Dishonesty

This class will follow the university's policies on academic integrity. A score of zero will be given for the entire assignment or exam in which academic dishonesty occurs. Any in-class behavior that directly disrupts the learning of another student is prohibited.

Disability-Accommodation

If you require special accommodations please contact me.

Questions or comments?